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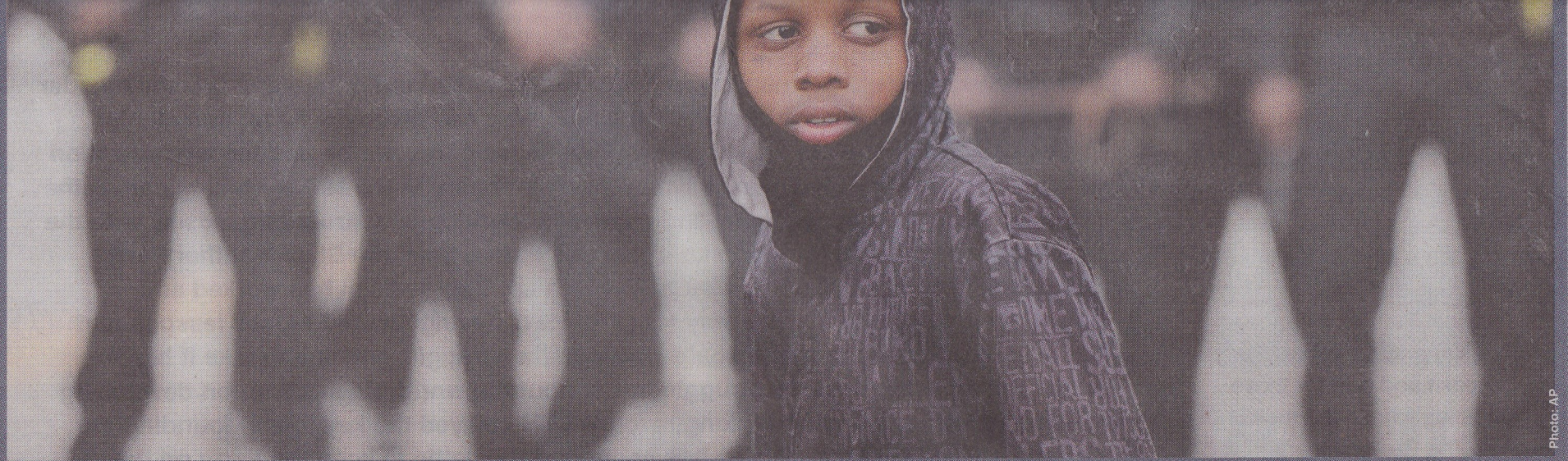


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**October 24 New York City**

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## Three Main Points

by Bob Avakian,  
Chairman of the RCP, USA

What do we in the Revolutionary Communist Party want people to learn from all that is exposed and revealed in this newspaper? Mainly, three things:

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***Prepare the ground, prepare the people, and prepare the vanguard—get ready for the time when millions can be led to go for revolution, all-out, with a real chance to win.***

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# A message from Cornel West and Carl Dix



Brothers and sisters, fellow resisters –

You are beautiful. You have straightened your backs and can inspire millions of others.

The spirit of Rise Up must go forward – and that spirit needs to be made manifest in STRUGGLE and ORGANIZATION.

Be out there on November 22, the anniversary of Tamir Rice's murder.

Be out there November 27, to actively boycott Black Friday.

Be out there December 3, one year after the cops who murdered Eric Garner were exonerated.

Be out there, making a powerful force of the voices of the relatives of those murdered by police.

Be out there, carrying forward the struggle to shut down Riker's Island.

And be there this next month, at organizing meetings of Rise Up.

**POLICE MURDER AND TERROR MUST STOP!**

**WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?**

[www.stopmassincarceration.net](http://www.stopmassincarceration.net) / 646-709-1961



*From the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA*

## **This is a shout-out to the resisters coming to October 24**

*To the loved ones of those who've been murdered by police...*

*To the youths and students...*

*To the clergy and laypeople, the artists and the writers...*

*To the Black and Brown and Native people who refuse to bow down to centuries-old and modern-day discrimination and oppression...*

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*Rise Up October makes it plain: POLICE MURDER AND TERROR MUST **STOP**. Rise Up October means challenge and struggle. Rise Up October means determination not just to reform all this but to STOP it... to dare to call out and reverse a slow-motion genocide... to live a morality of justice and emancipation as we do... and to get ORGANIZED to make all that real...*

*Our Party and its leader, Bob Avakian, are determined to stand with Rise Up October... to fight with all our might to reverse this genocidal insanity... and to do all this as part of bringing into being a whole new world where such madness really IS no more and where all the other ways in which the seven billion human beings on this planet are exploited, oppressed, degraded, diminished, and denied their humanity and their futures are overcome forever. We do this as part of preparing minds and organizing forces to hasten the advent of REVOLUTION, which is the only way that humanity can achieve its emancipation and truly bury its chains.*

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Bob Avakian, *BASics* 5:23



# Voices On The Cold Reality of Murder

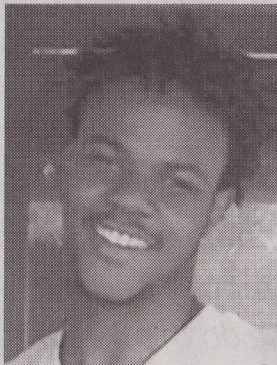
*On these pages is a small sampling of important and powerful statements from families of some of the thousands killed by police, and voices of conscience, who have joined the movement to STOP police terror and murder and others who have been part of Rise Up October. For more statements go to [www.revcom.us](http://www.revcom.us), [riseupoctober.org](http://riseupoctober.org) or [stopmassincarceration.net](http://stopmassincarceration.net).*

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VonDerrit Myers Jr., unarmed, 18, killed by St. Louis police, 10/8/14.

## Mertilla Jones, grandmother of Aiyana Stanley-Jones, murdered by Detroit police:

*I want to see what side people are on. Aiyana, seven-years-old, asleep—they came in and automatically blew my granddaughter's brains out in front of me. Like I said, I seen the light of life leave out of Aiyana's eyes. I never seen anything like this in my life. I don't care how ghetto they say I am, how hood they say I am. I've never seen nothing like that in my life and I hope to never see it again. And I shouldn't have had to see it on my seven-year-old sleeping. I traveled all the way from Detroit, Michigan to ask everybody: which side are you on?*



Aiyana Stanley-Jones, 7, killed by Detroit police, 5/16/10

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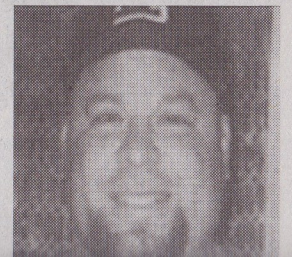


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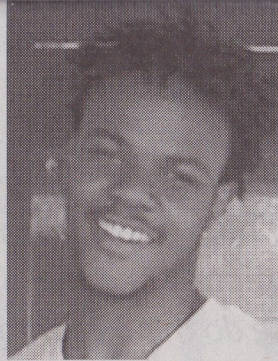


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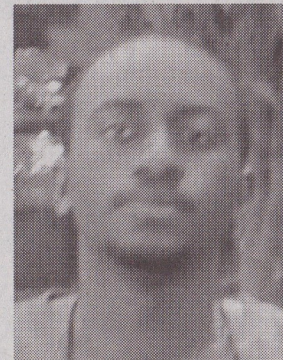
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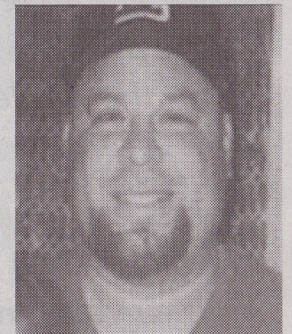


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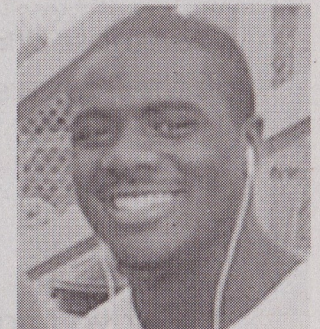


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Danielle Willard, 21, killed by West Valley City, Utah, police, 11/2/12

### Melissa Kennedy, mother of Danielle Willard:

My daughter Danielle Willard was shot and killed by Shaun Cowley and Kevin Salmon, both ex-detectives in Utah... The man that shot her was charged with manslaughter. At the preliminary hearing the Judge (that was retiring in 3 weeks) dropped the charges.

This is happening much too often and it needs to stop.

The people that have given cops "implied immunity" need to take it away from them.

I'm tired of seeing people being killed. I am tired of everyone looking the other way and letting these guys find a job at another office. The worst that has happened is these guys get fired or they are asked to retire. Most of these cops are still carrying a badge and a gun!

*This has to stop.* I don't want Danielle Willard to be just another kid shot by a cop. I want her name to live on. I want to make it so that she will be one of the reasons why changes are made. Danielle Willard's name will never just go away, no matter how hard other people try to make that happen. Her name will live on forever.

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**We must continue the struggle to STOP Police Terror and Murder! WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON? See page 14.**



# By Police: "This Has to Stop!"

## Lanna Covarrubias, sister of Daniel Covarrubias

Native Americans are killed at the highest rate because we're the smallest population, but no matter what race you are, nobody deserves to be murdered. We all deserve due process. My brother was a descendant of Chief

Seattle. I say that not because his life is any more valuable than any of the other victims, but because it's a reminder this genocide is still happening and the modern day lynchings continue to happen today. It's just hidden behind the justice system as legal discrimination.

I struggle because I stay awake at night thinking how can I get through to people, how I can get through to let them see what's happening in our community. I didn't realize the numbers were so high. I had went out in 2012 to protest for John T. Williams. and I was out on the frontline, me and my friends we saw an injustice in our community and we went out and fought against it. And I thought, I had done my job, I thought "well, you know, I protested, I'm done." And now I see there's so much more I could have done. (At this point someone yelled out "you're doing it now.")

**Nkosi Anderson, graduate student at Union Theological**



Daniel Covarrubias, 37, killed by Lakewood Washington police, 4/22/15

## From Airickca Gordon-Taylor, cousin of Emmett Till:



Emmett Till, 14, lynched by white racists, Mississippi, 1955

*If police officers are going to hide behind badges the same as men hid underneath white hoods during the days of Jim Crow when my cousin Emmett Till was murdered for a mere whistle and kill our sons and daughters then we must rise up together as our people did after Emmett Till's murder with the eruption of the Civil Rights Movement in 1955. Meet me in New York for #RiseUpOctober!*

## From a Princeton Univ. Student

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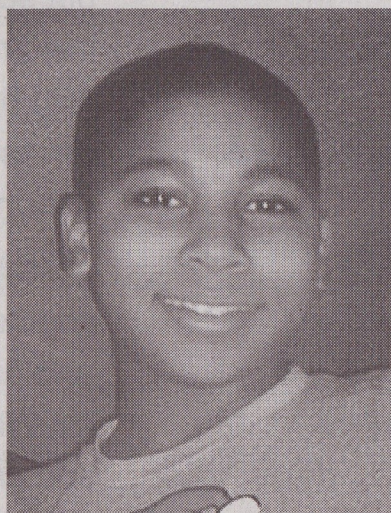
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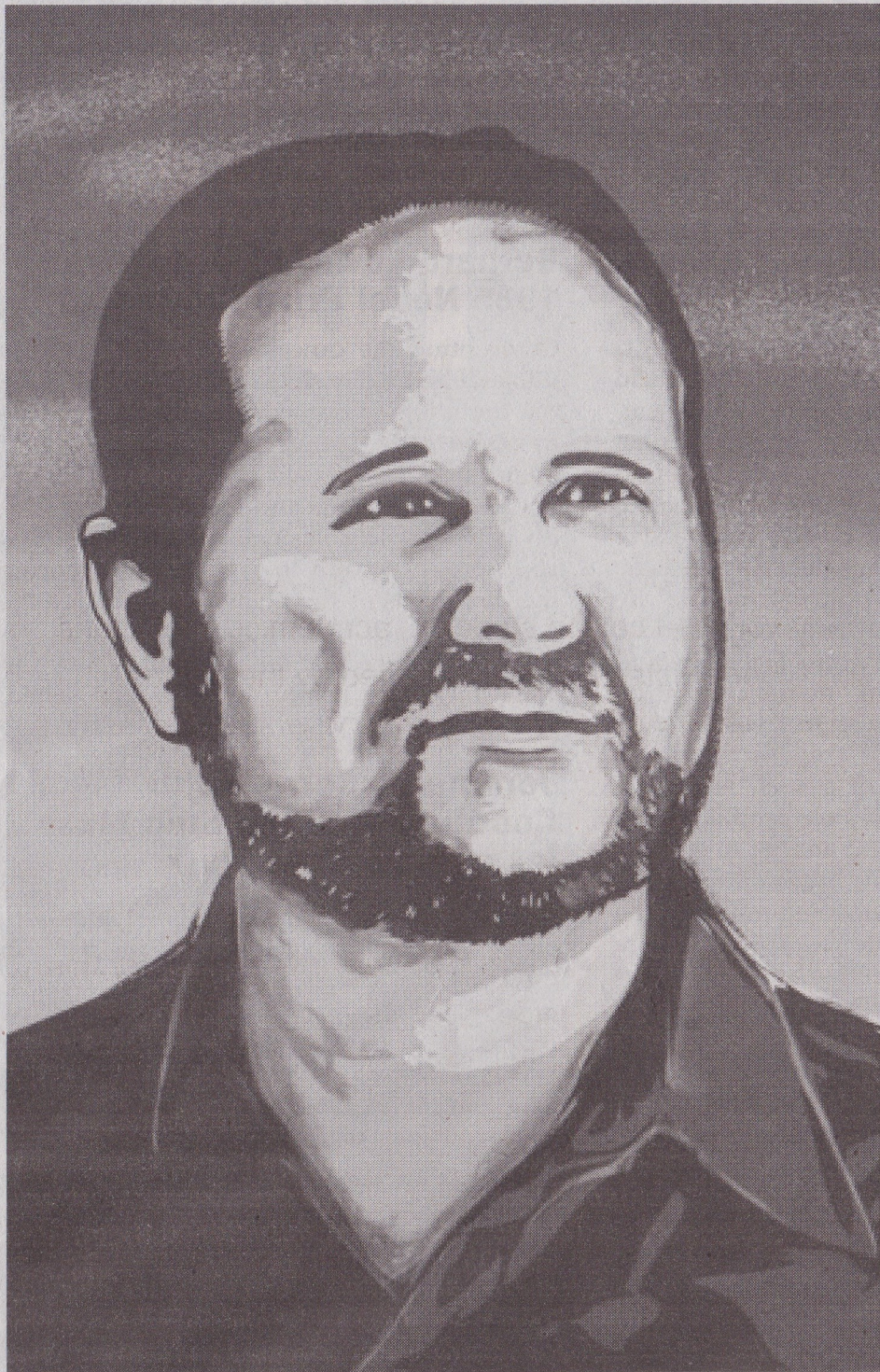
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And what we do matters a great deal. Our lives should be, and can be, about something with meaning and purpose that is really worth living for and fighting for. Why should we do what they want us to do—killing and crippling each other, trying to beat down or beat out each other, ending up in jail, or paralyzed, or dead at an early age—instead of joining together to go up against the system that has got us in this mess in the first place? Why should we accept the lies that people who are of a different color, or live in a different place, or speak a different language, or love in a different way,



# A Call To REVOLUTION

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plan for making revolution and creating a new society. On this basis, our Party, the Revolutionary Communist Party, is right now building a movement for revolution, and we are building our Party as the leadership that is needed for that revolution. But this movement and this Party have to get much stronger. More and more people need to get with this.

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This is Bob Avakian, with a message of revolution. The challenge is there. The leadership is there. What’s needed...is you.



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**Bob Avakian, Chairman of the  
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# Drones, Lynch Mobs and Occupation... More Outrages and Crimes from the Self-Proclaimed Global Champion of Human Rights

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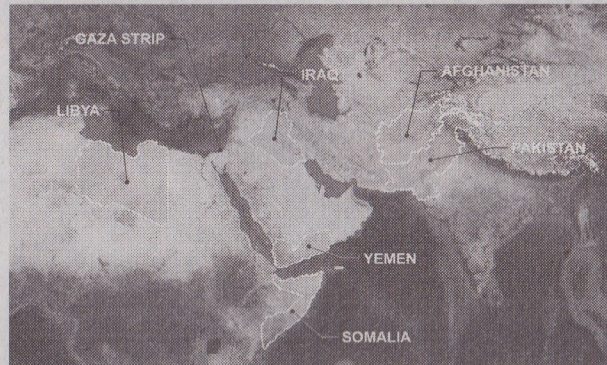
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Map: www.Forensic-Architecture.org



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Photo: Médecins Sans Frontières



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## Extending the U.S. Occupation of Afghanistan

On October 15, Barack Obama announced 10,000 U.S. troops will remain in Afghanistan until and beyond when he leaves office. The U.S. invasion of Afghanistan in 2001 led to the deaths of hundreds of thousands of civilians, combatants, and people who died as a result of battered infrastructure and poor health conditions, loss of food supply, and economic devastation.

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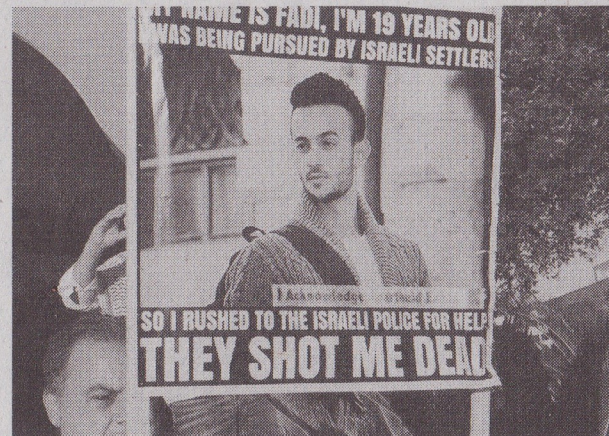
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Houston, October 18: 200 people protest attacks on Palestinians.

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The U.S. invasion of Afghanistan made conditions in a desperately poor, brutally oppressed country worse. Life for women in regions controlled by the pro-U.S. Islamist regime is—outside a few places in the largest cities—no better than life under the Taliban. And the death toll in the war between the U.S.-backed regime and the Taliban is growing. After 13-plus years of U.S. invasion and occupation, there were a record number of civilian deaths and injuries in 2014—more than 10,500. One out of every ten Afghans is a refugee.

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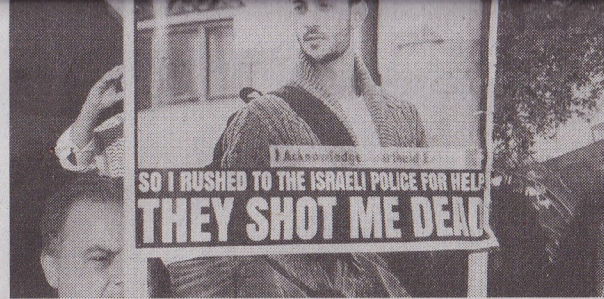
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The fact that the U.S. military refers to people they murder by accident as *enemies killed in action* shines a gruesome light on the actual nature of the U.S. drone program: mass murder and indiscriminate terror, where anyone and everyone who happens to be in the way of a drone is counted as the "enemy."

### Lynch Mobs and Massacres in Israel

Thirty-seven Palestinians have been killed in October, and hundreds more have been seriously injured by Israeli forces firing live ammunition at demonstrators and carrying out on-the-street extrajudicial executions of Palestinians suspected in being involved in knife attacks that killed seven Israelis this month.

And Israeli authorities and media have whipped up a lynch mob atmosphere where



Houston, October 18: 200 people protest attacks on Palestinians.

rabid settlers hunt down Palestinians. On October 4, 19-year-old Fadi Samir Alloun was killed after a stabbing attack that wounded an Israeli teenager. There is no evidence that Alloun had any involvement in the stabbing, but he was chased down by a mob shouting "Shoot him! He's a terrorist! Shoot him!" and "Death to the Arabs!" Instead of intervening to stop the lynch mob, Israeli police executed Fadi Samir Alloun in cold blood.

Even though it means taking some hits to their image as the self-proclaimed champions of human rights, the rulers of the U.S. all agree on maintaining a "special relationship" with Israel. That "special relationship" is one of shared "values" of genocide and oppression, and a partnership where Israel has consistently served as a relatively stable and reliable hitman for the U.S. in the region and around the world.

As Israeli mobs and police were terrorizing and killing Palestinians, the new chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff went to Israel to meet the commander-in-chief of the Israel Defense Forces and others. A U.S. military spokesman said the visit was to reaffirm America's commitment to Israel.

For an in-depth understanding of the nature of Israel, its relationship to the U.S., and the illegitimacy of invoking the Holocaust to justify genocide, see "Bastion of Enlightenment... or Enforcer for Imperialism: The Case of ISRAEL" at [revcom.us/israel](http://revcom.us/israel).

class saw the 9/11 attacks as a moment they could, and had to, seize to knock down and subordinate Islamic fundamentalist forces, and to solidify the role of the U.S. as the world's sole superpower. They invaded Afghanistan, and two years later rolled into Iraq. Twelve years later, the U.S. is still fighting in Afghanistan. A large section of Iraq is occupied by virulent Islamic fundamentalists. And the aftershocks of the U.S. invasion continue to uncork and strengthen reactionary Jihadist forces in a vast region of the world.

The U.S. invasion of Afghanistan made conditions in a desperately poor, brutally oppressed country worse. Life for women in regions controlled by the pro-U.S. Islamist regime is—outside a few places in the largest cities—no better than life under the Taliban. And the death toll in the war between the U.S.-backed regime and the Taliban is growing. After 13-plus years of U.S. invasion and occupation, there were a record number of civilian deaths and injuries in 2014—more than 10,500. One out of every ten Afghans is a refugee.

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The absence of mass, determined protest within this country against the U.S. occupation of Afghanistan—and other U.S. crimes in central Asia, North Africa, and the Middle East—feeds a vicious cycle where Jihadists claim the crimes of the U.S. government represent the people of this country. That has to change. It is essential that the people of the world see much more protest—involving all sections of people in this country—against the crimes of "our" government around the world.

# American Lives Are Not More Important Than Other People's Lives

Bob Avakian, *BASics* 5:7



# Carl Dix Speaks on #RiseUpOctober: It HAS to Happen

*This is an excerpt from a talk by Carl Dix, representative of the Revolutionary Communist Party and co-initiator of the Stop Mass Incarceration Network, at the August 27 gathering of hundreds at the First Corinthian Baptist Church in Harlem, New York City to take up Rise Up October.*

So what MUST we do to stop all this? I'm gonna talk tonight about the only REAL way to put an end to this, and then I'm going to talk about Rise Up October, the huge National March to Stop Police Terror on October 24 here in New York City, which is something that everyone can and must jump into right now to push these killers back. And to start all this, I'm going to share with you a quote from Bob Avakian, the leader of the Revolutionary Communist Party. Here's what BA says:

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they try to break people's spirits and turn them into mindless killing machines for their imperialist wars. When they told me in 1970 that I had to ship out to Vietnam, I said "HELL, No!" I did two years in Leavenworth military prison because I refused to kill my Vietnamese brothers and sisters for this system. And now they're even putting all of human life in danger by destroying the environment of the planet we all live on.

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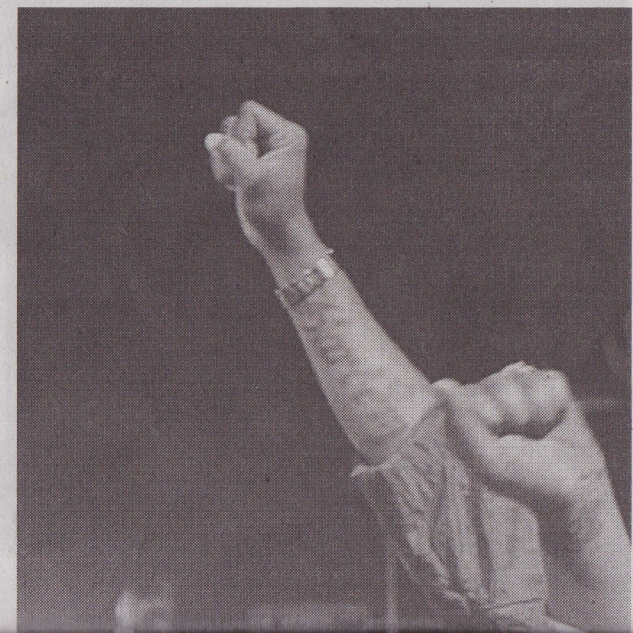
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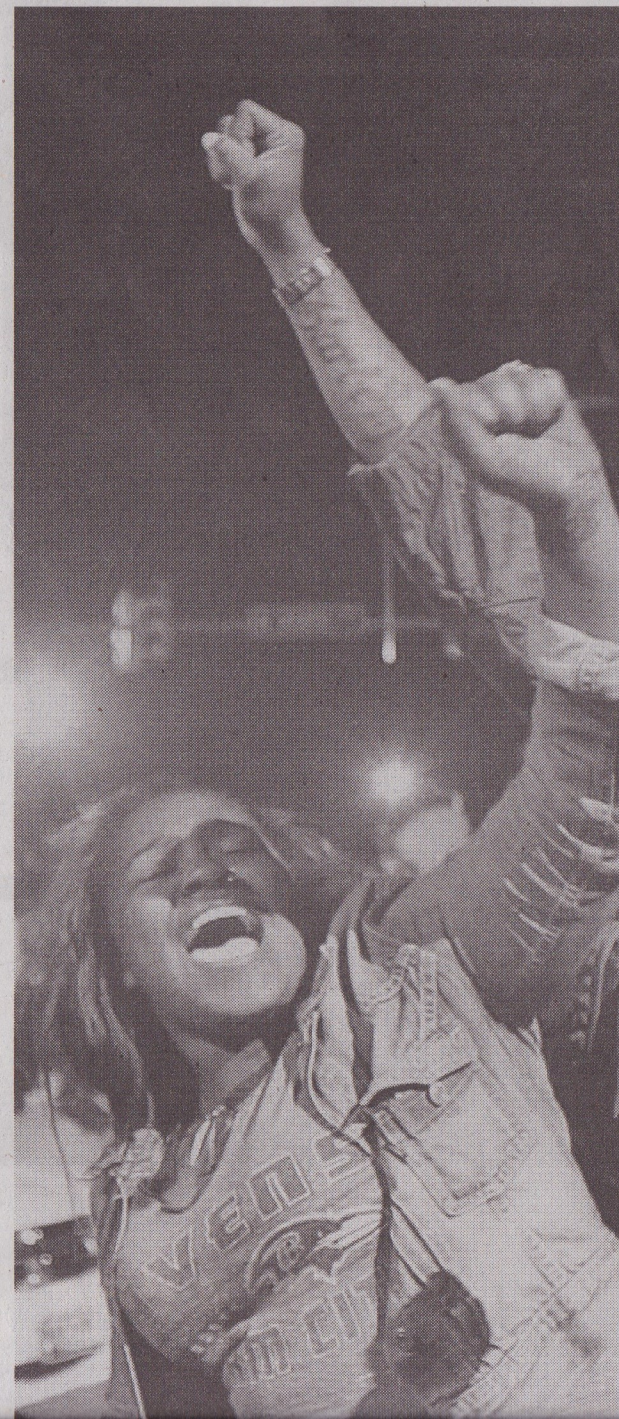
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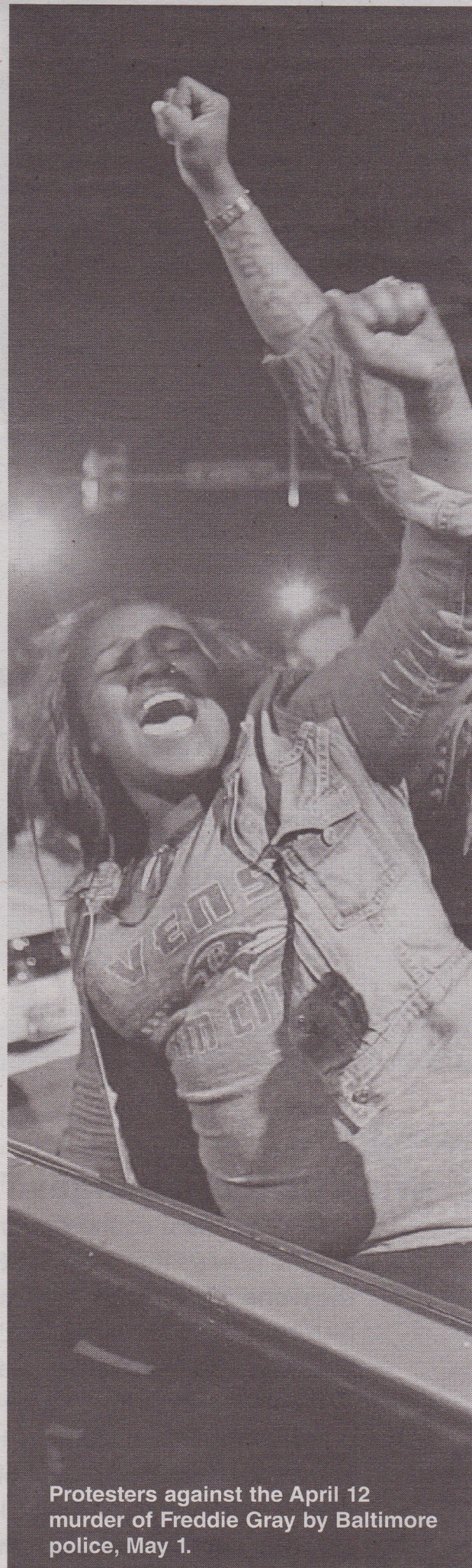
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### REALITY CHECK

#### What **REALLY** Changes Things?

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**You cannot break all the chains, except one. You cannot say you want to be free of exploitation and oppression, except you want to keep the oppression of women by men. You can't say you want to liberate humanity yet keep one half of the people enslaved to the other half. The oppression of women is completely bound up with the division of society into masters and slaves, exploiters and exploited, and the ending of all such conditions is impossible without the complete liberation of women. All this is why women have a tremendous role to play not only in making revolution but in making sure there is all-the-way revolution. The fury of women can and must be fully unleashed as a mighty force for proletarian revolution.**

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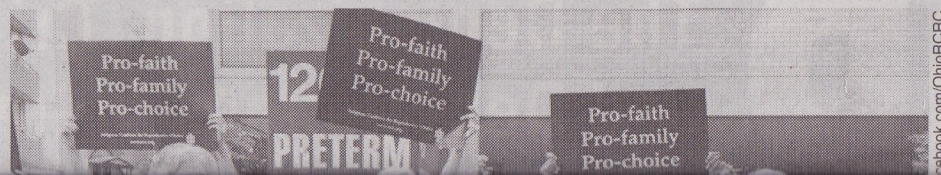
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The time is NOW to stand up for abortion on demand and without apology! The time is now to STOP the war on women.

Each year, tens of thousands of anti-abortion fanatics march against women's right to abortion and birth control on the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion. Be part of standing up in counter-protest, letting the world and the powers that be see and feel our demand that abortion be available to every woman who needs one without shame, restriction, or stigma.

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Women are not objects. Women are not things to be used for the sexual pleasure of men, nor are they breeders of children. **WOMEN ARE FULL HUMAN BEINGS CAPABLE OF FULL EQUALITY IN EVERY REALM.** Fighting to defend and expand women's right to abortion, birth control, and all-around reproductive freedom is a key and necessary part of the fight for the complete liberation of women.

Get organized. Mobilize yourself and others to be in DC and/or San Francisco for these counter-protests. Take this to your school, your religious congregation, your community group, your family and your friends. Spread the word far and wide. Donate and raise funds. Do not let the future belong to the woman-haters, be part of standing up and defeating the war on women.

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